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ON RANGE TROUBLES

THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL recently had a somewhat elaborate story, with comments, on the fight between the sheepmen and the cattlemen for the western ranges. In it the astonishing statement is made that during the last ten years the homicides caused by range troubles have averaged 500 per year, and that during those years 600,000 sheep, of the value of \$2,400,000, have been destroyed.

It is not necessary to say that this report is wildly exaggerated. Five hundred homicides a year is a stupendous total. As a matter of fact, there haven't been a tenth as many as that per annum. Indeed, it is doubtful if the killings of cattlemen by sheepmen and vice versa will average twenty-five a year, unless homicides of every character are included.

Sheepmen frequently fall out among each other, and so do cattlemen. The killings that often result cannot be fairly attributed to range troubles. Many of them, even between sheepmen and cattlemen, have no more connection with the range than the war in the Philippines. It is undeniably true that thousands of sheep have been wantonly destroyed. It would be hard to say just how many, but certainly the total is not so enormous as 600,000.

In the estimate of the Call it is possible that the sheep lost in blizzards, through disease and starvation have been included, regardless of the fact that the cattlemen had nothing whatever to do with such losses. The great trouble about the range lawlessness is that every owner is, to a greater or less extent, a law unto himself. There are no distinct federal statutes which define the rights of those who graze their stock upon the public domain, and conflicts are inevitable.

They will continue to be inevitable until satisfactory statutes are enacted. Nobody regrets the existing conditions more than the people living in and near the scenes of conflict. Both the cattle and the sheep industries are necessary to their prosperity and their progress and it is regrettable that the two interests cannot live together in harmony.

However there is neither excuse nor necessity for exaggerating the conditions or distorting the facts. The problem, difficult though it may seem now, will be worked out in time, and we may yet see the shepherd and the cowboy, like the lamb and the lion, dwelling happily on contiguous territory.—Salt Lake Herald.

BETTER THAN A REPUBLICAN.

I UNDERSTAND that Judge Hawley entertains some doubt as to whether the limited Monarchy, such as England enjoys, is not better than a Republic, such as exists in the United States. The Judge, about 20 years ago, delivered a Fourth of July oration, and after dwelling long and loud on the beauties of liberty, such as we enjoyed then, bursting forth in verbal fireworks, said that if he was confined in Heaven he would try to leap over its crystal walls. Of course, there is some reason for this wonderful change of mind, and it is not difficult to find. Twenty years of Republican rule is all-sufficient reason, and if the Republic is controlled ten years longer by the trusts and the monopolies, by and through the Republican party, led by Mark Hanna, I have no doubt that we will all conclude that a limited Monarchy is better than a Republic.—All Chantz in Gardnerville Courier.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT and Mark Hanna posing as friends of labor unions should provoke a smile of incredulity among all classes of workingmen. Roosevelt and Hanna are the subservient tools of the trusts—created and fostered by the Republican party—and which Roosevelt and Hanna expect to contribute an unlimited campaign fund. The trusts impudently deny the right of workingmen to organize unions for the purpose of compelling the industries they represent to pay living wages, while increasing the cost of subsistence through the infamous food trust. A labor union man who casts a Republican ballot is a traitor to his own interest and that of the labor union to which he belongs.

THERE will be one taint that will be left behind the reconstruction of the S. P. R. R. From the way the contractor's crews are filling the county jails, the State prison will have to be enlarged to accommodate the rush. While Nevada receives a few good results, the band that is left behind, will offset the profits.

A COLLIERY guard in the Pennsylvania anthracite region is reported as saying that he hoped the mines would be kept closed until the strikers had to eat their children. If the miners get hold of him there won't be enough of him left to make a respectable meal for a pug dog.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT denies that he intended to appoint Attorney General Knox to the supreme bench. Perhaps the President is satisfied that Knox is more useful to the trusts in his present position. And he very probably is.

THE DENVER newspaper that started a balloon expedition from the Colorado metropolis to New York will probably have the top of Pike's peak amputated before it tries the experiment again.

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